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LOK SABHA

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RPF Strength
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present strength of personnel posted in the Railway Protection Force (RPF) is not adequate and a large number of railway stations do not have women police personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government had previously planned to place adequate number of women police in all railway stations across the country;

(d) if so, the present status of the said proposal and the number of personnel including women police posted in railway stations across the country during the last three years; and

(e) the details of the broad guidelines issued to RPF for the safety and security of railway passengers and their luggage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d) : The present sanctioned strength of 75,879 of RPF staff is adequate as per present requirement, since the security in the Railways is looked after by Railway Protection Force (RPF), Govt. Railway Police (GRP) and local police.
With a view to increase the strength of women personnel in RPF, a provision has been made to reserve 10% of the vacancies for women in all initial recruitments. 1014 women personnel have been recruited in last 03 years and total strength of women personnel has now been increased from 1327 to 2341 at present.
On an average approx 38798 Males and 1834 Females are deployed on the Railway Stations across the country.

(e) Instructions for safety and security of Railway passengers and their luggage have been issued by Railway Board. In addition steps have also been taken by the Railways for the safety and security of Railway passengers. The guidelines cover the followings:-
1. Deployment of escort party of RPF in important trains for safety and security of passengers and their luggage.
2. Deployment of special squad consisting of RPF personnel including women for women security.
3. Help Line number 182 has been operationalised for providing security related assistance round the clock to passengers.
4. To coordinate with the GRP/Police authorities at all levels to ensure proper registration and investigation of the case of crime.
5. To launch regular drives under the provisions of the Railways Act, 1989 to prevent unauthorized entry in trains and in railway premises.
6. Surveillance by CCTV at selected Railway stations to prevent crime.

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